

additional quantity of newsprint are 16.10.91 and 30.12.91 respectively.

(c) STC informed the supplier on 13.1.92 not to go ahead with the production of newsprint, till such time as they hear from STC.

(d) The purchase agreement provides for cancellation of orders already placed in the event of default, delay in shipment and force majeure.

Setting up of Cotton Mills

6055. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether cotton mills are meeting the requirements of handloom and powerloom industries in the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up new cotton mills in the country particularly in Aligarh during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of the (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise in view of the (c) above.

Silk Weavers of Assam

6056. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have made any survey about the problems of Endi and Muga (special type of silk available only in Assam) weavers in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) There are several Plan and Non-plan schemes under implementation for the benefit of handloom weavers of the country including muga & eri weavers of Assam. However, no specific survey has been conducted for these weavers separately.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Export of Assam Tea

6057. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of Assam tea exported out of the total export of tea during 1991-92;

(b) whether the export of Assam tea has declined; and

(c) if so, steps taken or proposed to be taken to boost the export of Assam tea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). The total quantity of tea exported from the country in the year 1991-92 (April to January) is 186.37 m.lg worth Rs.1014.30 crores as against 181.79 m.kg worth Rs.984.96 crores in the corresponding period of the previous year 1991 is estimated to be 741.72 m. kg. out of which 387.87 m. kg. is the share of Assam.

The quantum of exports of Assam tea however would be difficult to determine as in most cases tea goes out in blended form,

Modernisation of Tea Auction Centre, Guwahati

6058. SHRI PROBIN DEKA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of tea marketed through Tea Auction Centre at Guwahati during 1991-92;

(b) the quantity of tea marketed through other agencies outside the Assam during the above period;

(c) whether there is any scheme to modernise the Tea Auction Centre at Guwahati to attract more business; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The total quantity of tea marketed through Tea Auction Centre at Guwahati during April, '91 to February, '92 is estimated at 135.95 Million kgs.

(b) The quantity of total tea marketed through other agencies outside Assam during the period from April, 1991 to February, 1992 is estimated at 335.83 million kgs.

(c) and (d). No scheme of modernisation of Tea Auction Centre at Guwahati has been received either from Guwahati Tea Auction Committee or any Tea association.

Grants-In-Aid to Institutions to Promote Studies and Research in Law

6059. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether to promote studies and research in law, some institutions are being provided grants/in aid by the Department of Legal Affairs;

(b) if so, the names of such institutions and the criteria for the same;

(c) whether the Government propose to relax the existing criteria to cover more institutions in future, and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Law Institute, the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies and the International Law Association (Regional Branch-India) are receiving regular annual grants-in-aid from the Department of Legal Affairs. The criteria for the sanctioning of grants-in-aid by Government Departments, as laid down in the General Financial Rules, 1963, are also applicable to these institutions.

(c) and (d). The existing criteria do not limit the number of institutions to which grants-in-aid could be given by the Government. Every request is considered on merits.

Recommendations of National Transport Policy Committee.

6060. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations made by National Transport Policy Committee